and armed robbery against ships especially in the vicinity of the Somalian coast where incidents of piracy and attacks on ships have been on the rise. The Indian National Ship owners Association (INSA) and Federation of All Indian Sailing Vessels Industry Association have also been informed to convey to their members that they should keep away from the Somalian coast.

Subsequently, the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai issued another circular on 8th January, 2007 drawing attention of the shipping fraternity and seafaring community of attacks against ships in Somalian waters. This circular also contained detailed guidelines to avoid such atacks and acts of piracy.

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†3146. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dobhi-Bodhgaya-Gaya-Jahanabad-Patna section of National Highway No. 83 is proposed to be included in phase-III of National Highways Development Project under the Golden Quadrilateral Highway in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact the said section is proposed to be built and developed as four lane section; and

(c) if so, the time limit fixed therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Dobhi-Bodhgaya-Gaya-Jahanabad-Patna section of National Highway No. 83 has been recently included under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III (not in Golden Quadrilateral) for upgradation on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis.

(b) and (c) NHDP Phase-III is generally for 4-laning. The proposal has recently been included in NHDP Phase-III and preparation of Detailed Project Report is yet to be taken up. It is therefor, too early to indicate time frame for completion of this project on NH-83.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.